The Daily Courant.

Tueſday, February 9. 1703.

Prom the Amſterdam Courant, dated Feb. 10.

Zurich, January 20.

The French Ambaſſador has ſent the following Letter to this Canton.

Magnificent Lords!

'I Suppoſe it would be needleſs for me to repreſent to your Lordſhips, how deſirous my 'Maſter has always been to promote the 'Welfare and Peace of this Country. All his 'Tranſactions with you during his Glorious 'Reign, are irreproachable Teſtimonies of this 'Truth. Nor can I doubt, but that after the conſtant Experience of his Majeſty's good Intentions 'towards you, your Lordſhips muſt needs conſider 'him as an Ally in whom you can moſt confide, 'eſpecially whenever you ſhall be oblig'd to aſſert 'and maintain your Rights and Liberties. Your 'Lordſhips know very well what new Aſſurance I 'lately gave you on his part; he not only promis'd, 'without any condition, that he would not poſſeſs 'himſelf of any Poſt or Paſſage on your Territories, 'but, purely in compliance with your Requeſts, and 'for the greater Security of the Peace of your Country, which your Lordſhips have hitherto ſo glorioufly preſerv'd, he ingag'd not to make any Attempt on the Foreſt Towns, nor to give any Moleſtation to Frickſtall nor Conſtance; on the equitable Condition, that thoſe Towns ſhould obſerve an exact Neutrality, and do nothing prejudicial 'to the Peace of the Laudable Confederated Cantons. On the other ſide the Ambaſſador of the 'Emperor gave a like Aſſurance to your Lordſhips 'on the part of his Maſter, in the Convention held 'on the 28th of October 1702. Your Lordſhips in 'the ſame Convention made a Reſolution to oppoſe 'Force with Force, in caſe either of the Parties that 'are at War, ſhould commit the leaſt Hoſtility within your Territories, and declar'd you would take 'exemplary Satisfaction of the firſt that ſhould violate this Neutrality, to deter other Potentates from 'offering to moleſt you. Theſe were the Expreſſions 'which your Lordſhips made uſe of, when you ſignify'd that Reſolution to me. I confeſs with ſhame, 'that I then look'd upon this Aſſurance given by the 'Court of Vienna, to be a Mark of their real Intention to maintain the Peace of your Country in concurrence with France; but after what I have ſeen, 'I am confirm'd that it was no needleſs Advertiſement which I was careful to give you all along, 'that the Emperor would aſſume a Privilege to diſpenſe with the Promiſe made in his Name to your 'Lordſhips. What was acted not long ago near the 'Lake of Conſtance, and lately in the Country of 'the Abbey of St. Gall and in Torgau, cannot but convince your Lordſhips, that the Emperor, far 'from being with-held by his Word to you, Sacrifices your Peace, Rights and Liberties, to his Intereſts. 'Tis needleſs for me to enter into a detail 'of thoſe Actions, which were done ſo publickly, 'and with ſo much Inſolence, that I cannot doubt 'but your Lordſhips are ſufficiently inform'd of 'them. That is not all, It was not enough for the 'Emperor to affront your Lordſhips, it was but a 'ſmall thing with him to violate the Freedom of 'your Territories, to aggravate his contumelious 'Uſage of your Lordſhips, he imploy'd thoſe very 'Switzers you ſo kindly conſented to let him raiſe, 'to perpetrate thoſe Injuries. Magnificent Lords, 'I cannot conceal my Surprize, nor refrain from 'telling you, that after ſuch a Reſolution as was 'taken by your Lordſhips in the laſt Convention, it 'ſeems very ſtrange to me, that your Lordſhips, ſince 'the Information that you muſt needs have receiv'd 'of theſe things which ſo directly tend to deſtroy 'the Peace of your Country, have not communicated the ſame to the other Laudable Cantons. 'When ſome Battallions of the King my Maſter, 'were miſ-reported to have march'd over ſome 'Lands belonging to the Territories of Baſil, (when 'the Marſhal de Villars paſs'd the Rhine, and forc'd 'the Enemies retrenchments over againſt Hunninghen,) that falſe Report was ſpread all over your 'Country; the outcry was general, that France had 'broken into Switzerland; care was taken to Allarm all the Cantons; Troops were in Motion; 'and People were on the point of Lighting the Beacons. What a difference will the King find in this 'Conduct! I have not yet acquainted His Majeſty 'with what has paſs'd, being willing to prevent 'thoſe Conſequences that may follow; and I ſhall 'wait your Anſwer, before I determine what to do, '(not doubting but the Actions I have mention'd 'will beget a fitting Reſolution in the whole Helvevetick Body, to demand ſpeedy Satisfaction for the 'great Affront they have receiv'd,) that when he is 'inform'd how you ſhall pleaſe to govern your ſelves 'on this occaſion, my Maſter may judge what Meaſures will be proper for him to take. Your Lordſhips are not unacquainted with the extream Rigor 'of the Proceedings at Conſtance againſt the Sieur 'Schowinger, formerly a Lieutenant in the Regiment of His Majeſty's Swiſs Guards, nor of the 'cruel Sentence paſs'd on him. I take notice of it, 'not with any intention to complain of it to your 'Lordſhips; but only to ſet before you how much 'I am concern'd for the Conſequences, which this 'Inhuman Fact is like to draw after it; for beſides 'that it may well be preſum'd, the United Cantons 'will not fail to reſent the Barbarous Execution of a 'Perſon known to be deſcended of an Eminent Family in Switzerland: Beſides this, I ſay, what can 'be more probable, than that the King, my Maſter, '(who claim'd this Man, as being one of his Officers,) ſhould ſeek a terrible revenge for ſo provoking a piece of Injuſtice. His Majeſty has a ſufficient Number not only of Dutch, but of Swiſs Officers, in his Power, that might be made to feel the 'Effects of a Repriſal. Magnificent Lords, I conceiv'd it my Duty to mind you of theſe Actions, 'and of the Conſequences that may enſue from 'them; and I perſwade my ſelf, you are Unbiaſs'd 'enough in your Judgments to be as ſenſible as I 'am of the Wrong done in them by the Emperor; 'and that you will not diſapprove of my Maſter's 'ſhewing a juſt reſentment of it.

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'What I have ſaid above, appears to me to be of 'ſo great Importance, that I nave not thought it ſuf-'ficient to ſend your Lordſhips this Letter, which will 'be deliver'd by the Sieur Vigier, Captain in the Re-'giment of his Majeſty's Swiſs Guards; but I have 'likewiſe written in the ſame Terms to the laudable 'Cantons of Bern and Lucern. I intreat your 'Magnificent Lordſhips to communicate this Letter 'to the reſt of the laudable Cantons as ſoon as is 'poſſible, that I may quickly be inform'd of theirs 'and you Sentiments, and what kind of Satisfaction 'the United Cantons will demand for what has ſo 'lately been acted by the Emperor. It remains only 'for me to aſſure you, that I ſhall always continue 'my Affection for the laudable Cantons in General, 'and yours in Particular.

Soluthurn, Jan. 8. 1703. *Fuiſieux.*

From the Leiden Gazette, dated Feb. 23.

Frankfort, Feb. 4. The laſt Letters from Switzerland ſay, That the Count de Caſati, Ambaſſador of Spain, is lately return'd to Lucern from Milan, and has brought with him a great Sum of Money to pay the Catholick Cantons moſt part of the Arrears due to them. Whereupon the Deputies of thoſe Cantons have conſented to levy the 4000 Men which their ancient Capitulation with the Dutchy of Milan obliges them to furniſh for the Defence of that Dutchy in time of War.

Weſel, Feb. 6. The King of Pruſſia arriv'd at Magdenbourg from Poſtdam on the 1ſt inſtant; at his entring into the Place he was ſaluted with a tripple Diſcharge of all the Cannon, and the ſmall Arms of the Garriſon: The Burghers appear'd in Arms likewiſe, and rang'd themſelves along the Streets thro' which he paſs'd: 'Tis ſaid his Majeſty intends to continue there ſome time: The Hereditary Prince of Heſſe Caſſel is expected to come thither daily together with his Princeſs. They talk of ſeveral other Princes of Germany that will come thither to confer with his Pruſſian Majeſty.

Falmouth, Feb. 4. On Tueſday laſt arriv'd here the Bridgman Sloop Pacquet-Boat with a Mail from the Weſt-Indies, Ralph Corbet Commander, by whom we learn, that Admiral Bembo dyed at Port-Royal on the 4th of November.

In Yeſterday's Courant, in the Article from Amſterdam Feb. 12. for *King of* Sweden, read *King of* Poland.

2. 6 *AT the Mitre Coffee-House in Mitre-Court near St.* Dunſtan's *Church*, Fleet-ſtreet, *will be Sold by Auction, the Goods of the late* John Hill *Sword-Cuttler behind the Royal Exchange, conſiſting of very Rich Swords of all Sorts, with Simeters, Bayonets, Belts,* &c. *all of the neweſt Faſhion, ſome fit for Merchants Exportation. The Sale will begin on* Tueſday *next being the 9th inſtant at 5 a clock in the Afternoon. The Goods may be view'd from* Monday *Morning to the time of Sale. Catalogues may be had at the ſaid place, and ſeen in moſt Coffee-Houſes.*

2. 6 *MR.* Edward Benn *at* Chatham, *aged 60. who was Blind of both Eyes between 17 and 18 Years, was couch'd on Thurſday the 28th of* January 1703. *by Mr.* WILLIAM READ, *the Approved and Experienced Oculiſt, and reſtor'd to his preſent Sight without any confinement to his Bed more than his uſual hours. If any deſire further ſatisfaction, they may repair to his Lodgings at the Coffee-Houſe in* Beaufort-Buildings *in the* Strand London. *At the ſame time he alſo couch'd Mrs.* Pedder, *aged 83 years, living in Elephant-Court in* Fenchurch-ſtreet, *and reſtor'd her to an extraordinary ſight conſidering her Age. The ſaid Mr.* READ *is to be adviſ'd with in all Diſtempers relating to the Eyes, at the Raven againſt* Exeter-Exchange *in the* Strand, *every day till Noon, where he hath lately reſtor'd ſome Hundreds to their perfect ſight in all Diſtempers relating to the Eyes.*

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